

# CITY OF DURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 16:30 via Zoom.**

**Present:** Councillors S Walker, E Ashby, N Brown and G Nair.

**Also present:** A Shanley (Clerk)

## **1. Welcome and apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Doig.

## **2. To receive any declarations of interest from members**

None received.

## **3. To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

## **4. To receive any public participation comments on the following agenda items.**

None received.

## **5. Progressing the best run licensed premises in Durham City award**

The Clerk advised that he has now received confirmation from Ricky Cohen of Durham University that he would like to be a judge for the best run licensed premises awards in Durham City. The Clerk also advised that the proposed criteria for the student/college bar category was as follows:

1. Contribution to the 4 Licensing Objectives (40%);
2. Promotion of Shhh 11-7 Campaign (15%);
3. Engagement with the Local Durham Community (15%);
4. Contribution to the Durham Street Scene (15%);
5. Evidence of Other, Including Charity (15%).

The Committee **agreed** to launch this competition at the end of October 2021.

## **6. Update on recent licensing applications**

The Clerk reminded Members that a meeting is arranged with a representative of Brewdog for 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021, in order that the Parish Council might be able to discuss its concerns in more detail. In the meantime, a hearing date for this application is planned for 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The Committee **agreed** that, should the applicant not be able to address all of the concerns raised, this hearing would be necessary.

The Clerk confirmed that the objection letter to the Fat Hippo application has now been agreed and submitted to Durham County Council. The Clerk advised that the Committee is awaiting feedback on this application.

## **7. Review of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy**

Members considered the outcome and documentation associated with the County Council's General Licensing and Registration Committee of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021,

where the review of the County Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy was discussed.

The Clerk advised that the Committee would, later this year, be recommending approval of the new Policy to the County Council.

The Committee advised that they felt that the documentation was set out in a format which made the responses to specific representations difficult to understand. Cllr E Ashby advised that, should there be an opportunity to make further representations on this matter, she would be happy to draft a response accordingly. This was **agreed** by the Committee and the Committee thanked Cllr E Ashby for this.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked all for their attendance and contribution and closed the meeting.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Ashby', written in a cursive style.

**Chair of the City of Durham Parish Council Licensing Committee**